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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

February 20, 2011 “Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany” 10:30 am

#### *God’s Call and Our Commitment:*

**To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,  
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.**

*We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.*

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

“Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of heaven there are no barriers. The only password is prayer.” —H. Ballou

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.  
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** “Songs Without Words” (Mendelssohn) -Carol Graham

#### **GREETING**

**INTROIT** “Jesus We Are Here” -Chancel Choir

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we worship, we remember that God has created us in holiness.

**People: We celebrate and praise God as God’s holy people.**

Leader: God invites us to see holiness in one another.

**People: Let us seek the holy in everyone we meet.**

Leader: God encourages us to act with holiness.

**People: Let us behave in a fair, just and holy manner in all we do.**

Leader: God shows us how to experience holiness wherever we are.

**All: We are standing together on holy ground. Let us worship in holiness.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Stanzas 1,3-5) -UMH 57  
*A favorite hymn of Louise Foster.*

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

God of all blessings, thank you for the principles You have given us to follow. Help us to stay focused on You so that we might be free of self-will. We spend too much time fretting about what others are saying and doing. We worry too much about what others think of us. Help us, we pray, to give up those self-centered ideas. Infuse us anew with Your love. Help us embrace the holiness You have given us. Guide our priorities to our families. Help us see holiness in all of our relationships. When we follow You, we will live in Your freedom. Amen.

#### **SILENT PRAYER**



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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23* (NRSV) -Lenore Averell

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness." And again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION "*Walls That Divide*"

Though ancient walls may still stand proud and racial strife be fact.  
Though boundries may be lines of hate proclaim God's saving act.

Chorus: *Walls that divide are broken down, Christ is our unity  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside. Christ is our liberty.*

When vested power stands firm entrenched and breaks another's back.  
When waste and want live side by side it's gospel that we lack. (Chorus)

The truth we seek in varied scheme the life that we pursue.  
Unites us in a common quest for self and world made new. (Chorus)

The church divided seeks that grace that newness we proclaim.  
A unity of serving love that lives, praise to God's name. (Chorus)

This broken world seeks lasting health and vital unity.  
God's people by God's Word renewed cast off all slavery. (Chorus)

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 5:38-48* (NRSV) -Lenore Averell

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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#### ANTHEM

*"Gloria in Excelsis"* (Mozart)

-Chancel Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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*"Expanding Boundaries"*

-Rev. George Hooper





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**Church Organist**

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